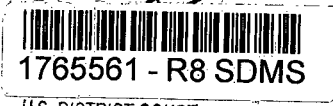


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CRYSTAL OIL COMPANY AND
CRYSTAL OIL EXPLORATION AND
PRODUCTION COMPANY,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY,

Defendant

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Civil Action No. CV 95-2115S

JUDGE TOM STAGG

MAGISTRATE JUDGE PAYNE

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE MEMORANDUM
IN SUPPORT OF STATEMENT OF APPEAL

COMES NOW, through undersigned counsel, Atlantic Richfield Company ("ARCO"), defendant in the present action, which respectfully moves this Court as follows:

I.

On July 19, 1996, the United States Magistrate Judge entered an Order of Severance and Referral to Bankruptcy Court and associated Memorandum Ruling in this action.

II.

On July 29, 1996, ARCO filed its written Statement of Appeal of the foregoing Order of Severance and Referral to Bankruptcy Court.

III.

ARCO is in the process of preparing its memorandum of legal authorities in support of its Statement of Appeal in this action,

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and ARCO desires an enlargement of time until August 2, 1996 within which to file such memorandum.

IV.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. Rule 6(a), the deadline by which ARCO must perfect its appeal is August 2, 1996. Thus, although ARCO has filed its Statement of Appeal on this date, ARCO desires that this Court grant unto ARCO the remainder of its permitted time to complete and file its supporting memorandum of legal authorities.

V.

ARCO's request herein will not delay this Court's consideration of this appeal; nor will it prejudice the rights of any party to this action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the above and foregoing MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF STATEMENT OF APPEAL has been served upon Plaintiffs' counsel of record, Osborne J. Dykes, III, Fulbright & Jaworski, 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77010-3095, and Albert M. Hand, Jr. Cook, Yancey, King & Galloway, P. O. Box 22260, Shreveport, Louisiana 71120-2260, by depositing a copy of same in the U. S. Mail, properly addressed, with adequate postage affixed hereto.

Dated this 27 day of July, 1996.